UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

KIMBERLY CARR, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated,

v.

CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION,

Defendant.

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 2:25-cv-10985-LJM-CI

FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Nature of this Action

- 1. Kimberly Carr ("Plaintiff") brings this class action against Credit Acceptance Corporation ("Defendant") under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227.
- 2. Upon information and good faith belief, Defendant routinely violates 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii) by using an artificial or prerecorded voice in connection with non-emergency calls it places to telephone numbers assigned to a cellular telephone service, without prior express consent.
- 3. More specifically, upon information and good faith belief, Defendant routinely uses an artificial or prerecorded voice in connection with non-emergency calls it places to individuals who did not provide their telephone numbers to Defendant and who do not have an account with Defendant.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 5. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) as Defendant is headquartered in this district.
- 6. Defendant also directed artificial or prerecorded voice messages to Plaintiff's cellular telephone from this district.

Parties

- 7. Plaintiff is a natural person.
- 8. Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times was, a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
 - 9. Defendant is a corporation located in this district.
- 10. Defendant is, and at all relevant times was, a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
- 11. Defendant is an auto finance company that provides automobile loans and other related financial products.
- 12. As part of its business, Defendant places outbound calls using an artificial or prerecorded voice.

Factual Allegations

- 13. Plaintiff is, and has been since approximately October 2024, the customary user of her cellular telephone number—(XXX) XXX-1963.
- 14. Defendant began placing calls to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 in March 2025, or earlier.
- 15. Defendant placed calls to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 intending to reach someone other than Plaintiff.
- 16. Defendant placed at least one call to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 in March 2025.
- 17. Defendant used an artificial or prerecorded voice in connection with the calls it placed to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963.
- 18. For example, on or about March 4, 2025, Defendant placed a call to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 and delivered an artificial or prerecorded voice message that stated:

Please call Credit Acceptance at 1-800-634-1506 or you can visit us online at www.creditacceptance.com to make a payment or access account information. Our hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time. Thank you.

19. Given the generic nature of the message, the robotic sound of the voice utilized to leave the message, and the content of the message, the message Defendant

delivered to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 was artificial or prerecorded in nature.

- 20. The pattern and tone of the speech of the March 4, 2025 message are not consistent with live, human speech and instead are consistent with a message that is artificial or prerecorded in nature.
- 21. The prerecorded or artificial voice message Defendant delivered to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 on March 4, 2025 has a monotone voice.
- 22. The prerecorded or artificial voice message Defendant delivered to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 on March 4, 2025 was impersonal and did not identify Plaintiff or any specific recipient.
- 23. By listening to the message, Plaintiff readily identified the message as recorded and not live speech.
- 24. Other consumers have received voice messages from Defendant that are identical in speech pattern, tone, and content. *See* https://lookup.robokiller.com/p/628-222-7839
- 25. Defendant placed its calls to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 from telephone number (628) 222-7839.
- 26. When dialed, telephone number (628) 222-7839 plays a recording that begins, "Thank you for calling Credit Acceptance"

- 27. The message Defendant delivered to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 provided telephone number 1-800-634-1506 as the call-back number.
- 28. On its website, Defendant provides telephone number 1-800-634-1506 as its telephone number.¹
- 29. When dialed, telephone number 1-800-634-1506 plays a recording that begins, "Thank you for calling Credit Acceptance"
- 30. Defendant's March 4, 2025 artificial or prerecorded voice message to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 directed the call recipient to www.creditacceptance.com.
- 31. The website www.creditacceptance.com is owned and operated by Defendant.
- 32. No persons or entities, other than Defendant, are identified or referenced in the voice message Defendant delivered to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 on March 4, 2025.
- 33. Defendant's calls and artificial or prerecorded voice messages to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 were intended for a person named Cornelius.
 - 34. Plaintiff is not Cornelius.
 - 35. Plaintiff does not know anyone named Corenlius.

¹https://www.creditacceptance.com/customers/faq#:~:text=Call%20Credit%20Acceptance%20at%201,Your%20Name (last visited May 16, 2025) ("Call Credit Acceptance at 1-800-634-1506 to report the issue.") (emphasis added).

- 36. Plaintiff did not give Cornelius permission or consent to provide her cellular telephone number to third parties.
- 37. Plaintiff did not give Cornelius permission or consent to provide her cellular telephone number to Defendant.
 - 38. Plaintiff does not have, nor did have, an account with Defendant.
- 39. Plaintiff does not have, nor did have, any business relationship with Defendant.
- 40. Plaintiff did not provide telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 to Defendant.
- 41. Plaintiff did not provide Defendant with consent to place calls, in connection with which Defendant used an artificial or prerecorded voice, to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963.
- 42. Plaintiff spoke with one of Defendant's representatives and informed Defendant that it was calling the wrong number.
 - 43. Defendant's representative apologized to Plaintiff.
- 44. Notwithstanding, Defendant's calls to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 continued.
- 45. Defendant placed the subject calls to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 voluntarily.

- 46. Defendant placed the subject calls to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963 under its own free will.
- 47. Defendant had knowledge that it was using an artificial or prerecorded voice in connection with the subject calls it placed to telephone number (XXX) XXX-1963.
- 48. Plaintiff listened to the artificial or prerecorded voice messages Defendant delivered to her cellular telephone.
- 49. Plaintiff suffered actual harm as a result Defendant's subject calls, in connection with which it used an artificial or prerecorded voice, in that she suffered an invasion of privacy, an intrusion into her life, and a private nuisance.
- 50. Upon information and good faith belief, Defendant, as a matter of pattern and practice, uses an artificial or prerecorded voice in connection with calls it places to telephone numbers assigned to a cellular telephone service, absent prior express consent.

Class Action Allegations

51. Plaintiff brings this action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and as a representative of the following class:

All persons and entities persons throughout the United States (1) to whom Credit Acceptance Corporation placed a call, (2) directed to a number assigned to a cellular telephone service, but not assigned to a Credit Acceptance Corporation accountholder, (3) with an artificial or prerecorded voice, (4) from April 8, 2021 through the date of class certification.

- 52. Excluded from the class are Defendant, Defendant's officers and directors, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, and any entity in which Defendant has or had a controlling interest.
- 53. Upon information and belief, the members of the class are so numerous that joinder of all of them is impracticable.
- 54. The exact number of the members of the class is unknown to Plaintiff at this time, and can be determined only through appropriate discovery.
- 55. The members of the class are ascertainable because they are defined by reference to objective criteria.
- 56. In addition, the members of the class are identifiable in that, upon information and belief, their telephone numbers, names, and addresses can be identified in business records maintained by Defendant and by third parties, including class members.
 - 57. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the class.
- 58. As it did for all members of the class, Defendant placed calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number in connection with which it used an artificial or prerecorded voice.
- 59. In addition, like all members of the class, Plaintiff did not have an account with Defendant and did not provide her telephone number to Defendant.

- 60. Plaintiff's claims, and the claims of the members of the class, originate from the same conduct, practice, and procedure on the part of Defendant.
- 61. Plaintiff's claims are based on the same theories as the claims of the members of the class.
 - 62. Plaintiff suffered the same injuries as the members of the class.
- 63. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the class.
- 64. Plaintiff's interests in this matter are not directly or irrevocably antagonistic to the interests of the members of the class.
 - 65. Plaintiff will vigorously pursue the claims of the members of the class.
- 66. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced and competent in class action litigation.
 - 67. Plaintiff's counsel will vigorously pursue this matter.
- 68. Plaintiff's counsel will assert, protect, and otherwise represent the members of the class.
- 69. The questions of law and fact common to the members of the class predominate over questions that may affect individual members of the class.
 - 70. Issues of law and fact common to all members of the class include:
 - a. Defendant's violations of the TCPA;

- b. Defendant's conduct, pattern, and practice as it pertains to dialing wrong or reassigned cellular telephone numbers;
- c. Defendant's conduct, pattern, and practice as it pertains to placing calls
 with an artificial or prerecorded voice to wrong or reassigned cellular
 telephone numbers;
- d. Defendant's use of an artificial or prerecorded voice; and
- e. The availability of statutory penalties.
- 71. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this matter.
- 72. If brought and prosecuted individually, the claims of the members of the class would require proof of the same material and substantive facts.
- 73. The pursuit of separate actions by individual members of the class would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members of the class, and could substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.
- 74. The pursuit of separate actions by individual members of the class could create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, which might establish incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant.
- 75. These varying adjudications and incompatible standards of conduct, in connection with presentation of the same essential facts, proof, and legal theories,

could also create and allow the existence of inconsistent and incompatible rights within the class.

- 76. The damages suffered by individual members of the class may be relatively small, thus, the expense and burden to litigate each of their claims individually make it difficult for the members of the class to redress the wrongs done to them.
- 77. The pursuit of Plaintiff's claims, and the claims of the members of the class, in one forum will achieve efficiency and promote judicial economy.
- 78. There will be little difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.
- 79. Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the members of the class, making final declaratory or injunctive relief appropriate.

Count I Violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii)

- 80. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every factual allegation contained in paragraphs 1-79.
- 81. Defendant violated 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii) by using an artificial or prerecorded voice in connection with calls it placed to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number and the cellular telephone numbers of the members of the class, without consent.

82. As a result of Defendant's violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii), Plaintiff and the members of the class are entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- a) Determining that this action is a proper class action;
- b) Designating Plaintiff as the representative of the class under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23;
- c) Designating Plaintiff's counsel as counsel for the class under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23;
- d) Adjudging and declaring that Defendant violated 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii);
- e) Enjoining Defendant from continuing its violative behavior, including continuing to place calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number, and to the cellular telephone numbers of members of the class, in connection with which it uses an artificial or prerecorded voice;
- f) Awarding Plaintiff and the members of the class damages under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);
- g) Awarding Plaintiff and the members of the class treble damages under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3);

- h) Awarding Plaintiff and the class reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
- i) Awarding Plaintiff and the members of the class any pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as may be allowed under the law; and
- j) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Demand for Jury Trial

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of any and all triable issues.

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